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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**FROM : Chief Engineer, FBIB**

**SUBJECT: Meeting in New York with BBC.**

1. At the request of Malcolm Frost, Director of the BBC Monitoring Service, and with the approval of the Chief, FBIB, the writer traveled to New York on November 16/17, 1948 to discuss the application of FBIB technical equipment and procedures in radio monitoring with representatives of the BBC. The people conferring were:

Mr. M. Frost, Director, BBC Monitoring Service  
Mr. Bishop, Chief Engineer, BBC  
Mr. Toby, Chief Technician, BBC Monitoring Service,  
New York City

Chief Engineer, FBIB

2. A semi-technical description of the BBC Monitoring Service set-up had been given the writer by Mr. Frost. Mr. Frost had indicated, as a result of his inspection of the FBIB's Reseda, California station and a description of FBIB technical setup plans for the Hedge Neck and Okinawa stations given him by the writer, that the BBC Monitoring Service technical setup was 8 to 10 years behind that of the FBIB. Mr. Frost was anxious that BBC engineers learn of the latest equipment and techniques the FBIB was using.

3. The equipment and techniques which Mr. Frost seeks to adopt from FBIB were discussed with Mr. Bishop. Mr. Bishop stated that he was not well enough acquainted with the details of the BBC's Monitoring Service to at that time properly evaluate the problems involved. He suggested that Mr. Leslie Hayes, Head of the BBC Overseas Engineering Information Department, who is now in Mexico City at a Telecommunications conference, visit the FBIB Reseda station and confer in Washington with the writer to bring back to the BBC in London the necessary technical information to aid BBC in their planning of a new Monitoring Service station. A message was dispatched to Mr. Hayes by Mr. Bishop, requesting the former to plan the visits referred to above. The Chief, FBIB was to be contacted by Mr. Hayes to set up the arrangements.

4. Mr. Frost felt that this conference was profitable for his service in that it presented his technical problems and FBIB's accomplishment of such problems to the Chief Engineer, BBC.

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